

In the specification:

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Reference is made to commonly assigned copending patent application Serial No. 09/634,040, filed herewith entitled "A Method For Obtaining Secure Receipts For Sales and/or Use Taxes That Are Made Via The Internet and/or Catalog" in the name of Frederick W. Ryan, Jr.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A method for collecting sales and/or use taxes on remote sales, said method includes the steps of:

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- A) collecting information regarding remote sales made by buyers;
 - B) calculating the correct taxing jurisdictions sales and/or use tax to be paid by buyers for remote sales;
 - C) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;
 - D) collecting by an agent the correct sales and/or use tax received by sellers;
 - E) segmenting by the agent, the seller's sales and/or use taxes and the information collected by the sellers for particular taxing jurisdictions into different data bases, wherein the identity of the seller is not revealed to the taxing jurisdiction; and
 - F) paying each taxing jurisdiction the taxes that are due.

a3 10. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 9, wherein a taxing jurisdiction will be able to access seller information segmented by the agent for that jurisdiction with an identification number.

12. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 11, wherein the agent reveals the identity of the seller if the segmented information identifies improper conduct.

13. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 10, further including the step of notifying a seller that a taxing jurisdiction is studying its segmented sales and/or use taxes collected.

a4 14. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 10, wherein a seller will be able to review the seller's segmented sales and/or use taxes collected before the taxing jurisdiction studies the seller's segmented sales and/or use taxes collected.

15. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 10, wherein a taxing jurisdiction will be able to access the segmented sales and/or use taxes collected only after specified time period has passed.

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cont 17. (Amended) A method for collecting sales and/or use taxes on remote sales, said method includes the steps of:

A) collecting information regarding remote sales made by buyers;

B) calculating the correct taxing jurisdictions sales and/or use tax to be paid by buyers for remote sales;

C) collecting by sellers from buyers the correct sales and/or use tax;

D) collecting by an agent the correct sales and/or use tax received by sellers;

E) segmenting by the agent, the seller's sales and/or use taxes and information collected by the sellers for particular taxing jurisdictions into different data bases;

F) paying each taxing jurisdiction the taxes that are due; and

G) identifying by the agent potentially seller fraudulent behavior by running various checks of the segmented information.

18. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of: identifying a drop-off in the number of seller transactions in the segmented information.

24. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 17, further including the step of identifying patterns that indicate that a seller may not be reporting the entire amount of taxes collected.

27. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein an agent pays a taxing jurisdiction taxes that are due to different taxing jurisdictions.
